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I am writing in support of EVERY legitimate business in this nation to operate in a legal climate that does not interfere with how they wish to promote or distribute their products.

For a nation such as the United States to even have laws such as the Anti-Trust on the books, is a disgraceful because every petty dictator has laws such as these that are used to intimidate and punish those who dare to be innovative and successful.

Calling Microsoft a monopoly is a viscous equivocation of terms. Any reasonable person recognizes the difference between domination of a market because: 1) a company has created a product that is in great demand due to low price or simply because consumers want it (a natural monopoly based on free exchange of goods and services), and 2) a state sanctioned monopoly where government power is used to maintain a company's economic position (such as the expensive ferry monopoly in Hawaii backed by the government fiat).

It is unfortunate that our founding fathers did not include a separation of state and business similar to the separation of church and state. Much of the turmoil and corruption in government plus the billions wasted by business yearly would stop.

Leave Microsoft alone to pursue it's business in peace and freedom.

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"There is no safety for honest men except
by believing all possible evil of evil men."

Edmund Burke

Remember September 11 !

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